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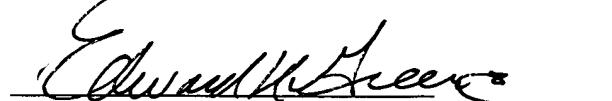
The proposed Examiner's amendment would render claim 6 indefinite under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as there is no antecedent basis for the recited "robotic system communications network."

An alternative amendment to claim 6 is hereby submitted. This amendment retains the limitation of the proposed Examiner's amendment, with the exception of the recitation that the tool module is adapted to be coupled and decoupled, as this limitation is already recited in claim 6. Applicant's amendment also recites that the master module is connected to a robotic system communications network, providing antecedent basis for the recitation that the tool module is not connected to it.

Entry of Applicant's amended claim 6 in lieu of the proposed Examiner's amendment to claim 6 is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312.

Respectfully submitted,

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